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C O N F I D E N T I A L LONDON 05476

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1  
TAGS: UK MARR MORG  
SUBJECT: DISCLOSURE OF ARMED FORCES DEPLOYMENTS IN  
UK LOCAL AUTHORITY PLANNING DEPARTMENT  
PUBLICATIONS

1. HENN, HEAD OF DS-12, MOD, TOLD POL-MIL ATTACHE THAT  
MOD PROVIDES ANNUALLY THE UK OFFICE OF POPULATION CENSUS  
AND SURVEYS (OPCS) WITH DETAILS OF THE NUMBERS OF  
SERVICE PERSONNEL STATIONED IN THE VARIOUS LOCAL  
AUTHORITY AREAS IN THE UK. THIS INFORMATION IS USED BY  
OPCS TO COMPILE THEIR POPULATION ESTIMATES. THESE  
FIGURES THEN ARE DISSEMINATED THROUGH THE REGIONAL  
OFFICES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT (DOE) TO  
LOCAL AND REGIONAL OR COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENTS AS  
"RESTRICTED" INFORMATION--MEANING FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY  
AND NOT FOR PUBLICATION.

2. MOD HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY OPCS WHO ASK IF MOD WOULD  
OBJECT IF COUNTY COUNCILS WERE TO INCLUDE DETAILS OF  
ARMED FORCES STRENGTHS IN EACH COUNTY DISTRICT IN  
REPORTS INTENDED FOR GENERAL PUBLICATION. (THE OPCS  
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DATA SPECIFIES THROUGH SEPARATE FIGURES "FOREIGN" SERVIC  
PERSONNEL FROM UK FORCES PERSONNEL.)

3. MOD FOR ITS PART WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT OBJECT TO  
PUBLICATION OF TOTAL FIGURES FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL  
DISTRICT BY DISTRICT IN ENGLAND, WALES, AND SCOTLAND BUT  
AT THE MOMENT NOT FOR NORTHERN IRELAND, FOR OBVIOUS

REASONS. HOWEVER, THERE ARE DISTRICTS IN WHICH SERVICE PERSONNEL ARE, FROM THE UK'S VIEWPOINT, ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY "FOREIGN." THUS, IRRESPECTIVE OF WHETHER THE DATA DIFFERENTIATES BETWEEN UK AND NON-UK SERVICE TRICT BASIS WOULD DISCLOSE U.S. PERSONNEL STRENGTHS AT A NUMBER OF OUR BASES WHERE THE UK STRENGTH IS VERY LOW. HENN ASKS WHETHER USG HAS ANY OBJECTION TO PUBLICATION OF TOTAL FIGURES OF SERVICE PERSONNEL DISTRICT BY DISTRICT.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE TO ANSWER MOD QUERY.

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